

Torrance, California.
August 22nd., 1933.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, August 22nd., 1933.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Klusman at 7:45 P.M.

City Clerk Bartlett called the roll. Those answering present were Councilmen: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. Absent: Councilman Conner.

Mayor Klusman objected to that portion of the minutes of August 8th., 1933, that stated "Mr. Whyte of the Torrance Herald asked permission to speak on a question, and was ruled out of order by the Mayor," Councilman Wright then moved that the further reading of the minutes be waived and that they be adopted as printed. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried.

City Clerk Bartlett read a letter from The Metropolitan Water District giving the amount to be levied for the fiscal year of 1933-34 and stating that such sum may either be paid out of the General Fund or added to the County tax rate. Councilman Ludlow moved this letter be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from The Texas Company under date of August 17th., 1933, giving information relative to returns of The Texas Company's pipe line franchises which amounts to \$91.30. Councilman Hitchcock moved we accept their proposition. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett read a letter from Southern California Gas Company giving report covering gas mains laid under franchise, which length of mains figured at \$15.00 per mile equal \$1.31. A check in this amount was attached. Councilman Ludlow moved we accept the Gas Company's check. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

An application for beverage license from Corsaro & Goldarisi for wholesale delivery was read. Councilman Hitchcock moved the license be granted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Wright voting No.

City Clerk Bartlett read an application from Lloyd C. Conner, 1222 Anapola Ave., Torrance, California, for the position of general foreman of construction work on the water system. Councilman Ludlow moved the application be filed with the proper committee. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce under date of August 21, 1933, regarding allocation of Gasoline Tax Funds and present Government emergency highway funds. Councilman Ludlow moved that the Council instruct the City Clerk and City Attorney to draw up letters as requested. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett read a letter from Southern Pacific Company dated August 19, 1933, announcing unusually low round trip fares will be in effect for the League of California Municipalities' Thirty Fifth Annual Convention at Santa Cruz on September 18th., to 21st., inclusive. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Clerk, City Attorney and Mayor Klusman go to the Convention. Councilman Wright seconded the motion. Councilman Hitchcock withdrew his motion. Councilman Wright withdrew his second. Councilman Ludlow moved this letter be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett presented a report by Salisbury, Bradshaw & Taylor, Consulting Engineers for the City of Torrance, with reference to the proposed municipal water system. Councilman Ludlow moved it be placed on file. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman reported that he attended a meeting of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities at Santa Ana.

Report of Standing Committees:

Mayor Klusman called attention to Section 4 of Ordinance No. 212 wherein it was stipulated that a tax rate should be setup to pay off interest on the water bonds.

The Mayor said he had been approached by certain people with reference to the purchase of a second-hand loud speaking system for the ball park and stated he believed it would be advisable for the city to purchase a modern system. Councilman Ludlow moved that this matter be put into the hands of a committee at the Mayor's appointment and be reported back at the next meeting for approval. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Mayor Klusman then appointed himself, Councilmen Ludlow and Hitchcock as the committee.

Councilman Hitchcock stated he would like to hear from our Engineer with reference to Torrance Boulevard. Engineer Leonard stated that the rough grading was finished west of Madrona Avenue and that paving would start in a couple of weeks, and that the small parks from Cravens Avenue west on Torrance Boulevard had been graded and trees will be set out as soon as the work can be arranged.

Councilman Ludlow inquired about playground equipment for the new park, and Mr. Leonard reported that estimates for various types of equipment were being secured.

Councilman Ludlow read Mr. Rambo's proposal for quarterly and yearly audit of city books. Councilman Ludlow moved we accept the bid of C.J. Rambo & Company for the coming year. Mayor Klusman seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Conner.

Councilman Ludlow moved that City Clerk be authorized to have the Council Chamber and Office tinted and plaster repaired at a total cost of \$75.00. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Conner.

Councilman Ludlow moved the Police Department office be tinted at a charge of \$7.50. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Councilman Ludlow stated there had been some discussion with reference to an insurance saving plan for the city employees, and suggested the Council obtain all information possible then call in the agencies and get their plans.

Councilman Wright stated that the law should be enforced in regard to lights on bicycles, also riding bicycles on the sidewalk in front of markets should be stopped. Councilman Ludlow moved the Police Department be instructed to enforce the law in regard to this matter. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Jensen read for the second reading

ORDINANCE NO. 245

SETTING TAX RATE

Councilman Hitchcock moved Ordinance No. 245 be adopted as read. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, the record of vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow and Wright. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Mayor Klusman stated several people from the McDonald Tract have been to see me about the extension of Prairie Avenue. Also regarding the possibilities of Prairie Avenue School being included with the Los Angeles School District instead of the County District. Attorney Jensen stated people in the District should circulate a petition in regard to this matter and bring it before the Council.

Engineer Leonard reported in regard to Prairie Avenue opening that it would be necessary to go before the Railroad Commission and secure right to cross the Santa Fe tracks before the street could be opened.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the City Attorney and City Engineer be instructed to follow up the water loan application. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Jensen suggested we adjourn this meeting to Thursday night.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn and registered on all bills properly audited. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, the record of the vote is as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the meeting be adjourned to Thursday afternoon, August 24th., 1933, at 4:00 P.M. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

A. H. Baudet

City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Conner
Mayor of the City of Torrance.